

# Biography

## Massachusetts National Guard

### 50 Maple Street, Milford, MA 01757

Brigadier General Oliver J. Mason, Jr.



#### **The Adjutant General Massachusetts National Guard**

Brigadier General Oliver J. Mason, Jr. assumed duties as The Adjutant General on 22 April 2005. As The Adjutant General he is the governor's senior military advisor responsible for protecting life and property, and preserving peace, order and public safety in times of natural disaster and civil emergency.

Brigadier General Mason is also responsible to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, for providing operationally trained, equipped and mission-ready forces to support national security objectives. Serving under The Adjutant General's command are more than 11,000 National Guard soldiers, airmen and full time civilian employees throughout the state.

Brigadier General Mason was born in Clinton, Massachusetts and enlisted in the United States Army in June of 1971 as a Hawk Missile Crewman. He enlisted in the Massachusetts Army National Guard in 1976, receiving his commission from the Massachusetts Military Academy in 1977. He commanded the 1-104<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion (Light) and has held numerous staff positions, from unit level to State Headquarters. He served as the Counterdrug Coordinator, and the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, and Chief of Staff Joint Force Headquarters before assuming the position of The Adjutant General.

Brigadier General Mason resides in Millbury, Massachusetts with his wife Jane, a teacher in the town of Millbury. His son Andrew is a graduate of WPI and holds the rank of Captain in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. His daughter Alison is a graduate of Assumption College and has recently been awarded her Master's Degree from the University of Massachusetts.

#### **EDUCATION:**

Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, BS Ed  
Worcester State College, Worcester, Massachusetts, MS Ed

#### **Military Schools**

Infantry School, Infantry Officer Basic Course	1978
Company Pre-Command Course	1982
Infantry School, Infantry Officer Advance Course	1984
National Guard Bureau Position Management and Classification Seminar	1990
Command and General Staff College	1991
National Guard Bureau DCPSS Manpower Training	1993
Judge Advocate General, Fiscal Law Course	1995
Battalion Pre-Command Course	1996
National Guard Bureau Cooperative and Support Agreements Course	1998
National Guard Bureau Financial Management Professional Development Seminar	2000
National Interagency Counterdrug Institute Counterdrug Coordinators Seminar	2000
National Guard Bureau Employing National Guard WMD Civil Support Teams	2002
Reserve Component National Security Course	2004
Harvard University National Security Fellowship Program	Present

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Jun 71-Jun 74, Hawk Missileman, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 65<sup>th</sup> ADA, United States Army
2. Feb 76-Jul 77, Infantry Squad Leader, 1-181<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
3. Jul 77-May 78, Infantry Rifle Platoon Leader, 1-181<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
4. May 78-Jun 79, Infantry Weapons Platoon Leader, 1-181<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
5. Jun 79-Feb 80, Infantry Rifle Platoon Leader, 1-181<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
6. Feb 80-Nov 82, Support Platoon Leader, 1-181<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
7. Nov 82-Nov 84, Company Commander, 1-181<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
8. Nov 84-Feb 86, Aide-de-Camp, 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Massachusetts Army National Guard
9. Feb 86-Feb 87, S-3 Air, 1-181<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
10. Feb 87-Jan 89, Tactical Surveillance Officer, 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Massachusetts Army National Guard
11. Jan 89-Aug 89, S-1, 1-181<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
12. Aug 89-Dec 90, S-1, 1-104<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
13. Dec 90-Dec 91, S-2, 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Massachusetts Army National Guard
14. Dec 91-Sep 92, S-1, 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Massachusetts Army National Guard
15. Sep 92-Jun 93, Executive Officer, 1-181<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
16. Jun 93-Jun 95, Asst. Personnel Officer, Headquarters State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
17. Jun 95-Jul 98, Chief, Comptroller Division, United States Property and Fiscal Office for Massachusetts, State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
18. Jul 98-Jun 00, Battalion Commander, 1-104<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Light), Massachusetts Army National Guard
19. Jun 00-Nov 00, Counterdrug Coordinator, Headquarters State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
20. Nov 00-March 04, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
21. April 04-April 05, Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Massachusetts National Guard.
22. April 05-Present, The Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit  
Meritorious Service Ribbon w/OLC  
Army Commendation Medal w/2OLC  
Army Achievement Medal w/1OLC  
Good Conduct Medal  
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal  
National Defense Service Medal w/2BS  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/SHG  
Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon  
Army Service Ribbon w/2<sup>nd</sup> Award  
Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (3)  
Massachusetts Service Medal  
Massachusetts Desert Storm Service Ribbon  
Massachusetts Emergency Service Ribbon  
Expert Infantry Badge

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:**

Second Lieutenant	25 Jul 77
First Lieutenant	24 Jul 80
Captain	05 Mar 83
Major	14 Jan 91
Lieutenant Colonel	28 Sep 95
Colonel	16 May 00
Brigadier General	23 May 05